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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 were pending. By this amendment, claims 1-4, 8, and 10-20 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants have amended claim 5, and claim 9 to write them in independent form. New claims 21-27 have been added. Therefore, claims 5-7, and 9 remain pending and claims 21-27 are entered for consideration. Applicants aver that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that claims 5-7 and 9 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicants have amended claims 5 and 9 accordingly. Claims 6 and 7 are dependent on amended claim 5. Applicants now believe that claims 5-7 and 9 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 707-746-1762.

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